

Collection & Material Recovery



#### **End-Markets**















## LinkUp

Market and Infrastructure Development



- Supports development of...
  - o collection / processing infrastructure for recycling
  - end markets for recyclable & reusable materials/products
- 2016 focus materials
  - o compost, textiles mattresses, asphalt shingles, & carpet
  - Quantity in waste stream, market opportunities, & ability to influence



# LinkUp supports Division goals

- Extend the life of the landfill
- Zero Waste of Resources 2030
- Achieve a 70% recycling rate



#### **Compost - WSU Compost in Agriculture Project**

Over 286,000 tons food, yard and compostable paper waste disposed in 2015

On-Farm Compost Demonstrations 2013-2016

- 7 King County farms
- Compost & education provided

Farmer Decision-making Tool for Compost

Next: Promote results, share tool, provide compost subsidies





## **Textiles - Threadcycle**

Nearly 25,000 tons textiles disposed in 2015

Reuse and recycling markets strong, but increasingly volatile

- Public education campaign
- Msg: donate more than just "gently used"
- Collector and City Partnerships
- Advertising and publicity
- Spanish language outreach





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#### **Mattresses**

Over 8,000 tons disposed in 2015 (approx. 270,000 mattresses)

- Retail outreach
- Collector & recycler support and assistance (Take it Back Network)
- RFI in 2015
- 2016 summer: Bow Lake recycling collection pilot





# Asphalt Shingles - Shingles in Paving Project

Est. 32,000 tons disposed in 2015

Transportation agencies & paving industry collaboration

2015 WSDOT standard specification

Slow, sporadic growth (depressed oil prices)

Promote projects & facilitate solid waste permitting





## **Carpet - NW Carpet Recycling Strategy**

Est. 18,000 tons disposed in 2015

Underdeveloped and depressed markets for recovered materials

- Market facilitation
- Econ. development support
- Product stewardship bills
- Removal best practices
- Purchasing

Carpet Removal
Best Practices for Carpet Recycling
Field Guide
For preparing carpet for recycling in Washington state

Next: Building and Design community outreach



# 2017-18 LinkUp Planning

- Assess markets for materials
  - 2013: furniture, polycoated containers, plastic packaging film, textiles, food waste, gypsum wallboard & diapers
- High-value materials and/or needed infrastructure
- Consider upstream opportunities
- Support resiliency to market fluctuations





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